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PRODUCTION OF BCG VACCINE IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of B.C.G. vaccines produced in the country during the last two years alongwith the laboratory-wise number thereof;

(b) whether the production is less in comparison to consumption thereof;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the manner in which the Government propose to overcome the shortage thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d) BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Guindy, Chennai (a public sector unit under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare) is the only institute engaged in the production of BCG Vaccine. The production of BCG Vaccine during the last two years is as under:-

Year	Quantity Produced
1998-99	249.63 lakh doses
1999-2000	542.86 lakh doses

The total requirement of this vaccine for the National Immunization Programme is 608 lakh doses during the current financial year. After commissioning of two freeze driers, the Laboratory is expected to produce about 800 lakh doses of BCG vaccine during the year 2000-2001. This would more than meet the country`s requirement of this vaccine.